

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

**PAULINE VALTASAROS**  
**Plaintiff,**

**V.**

**WALMART INC.**

**Defendant.**

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**CIVIL ACTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

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TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT:

Defendant Walmart Stores Texas, LLC, incorrectly sued as Walmart, Inc., pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1441 and 1332, provides notice of removal of this action styled *Pauline Valtasaros v. WalMart, Inc.*, Cause No. 2021-01708, currently pending in the 125<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas, and in support thereof, respectfully shows unto this Court as follows:

1. Plaintiff Pauline Valtasaros filed her Original Petition on January 12, 2021, claiming damages from a slip and fall. Plaintiff served Defendant with the citation on January 19, 2021; therefore, this notice is timely under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

2. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1446 and the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, attached are the following:

- a. All executed process in the case (Exhibit A);
- b. Pleadings asserting causes of action and all answers to such pleadings (Exhibit B);
- c. All orders signed by the state judge (none);
- d. The docket sheet (none);

- e. An index of matters being filed (Exhibit C);
- f. A list of all counsel of record, including addresses, telephone numbers, and parties represented (Exhibit D).

These documents represent all that are presently available as required.

4. The District Courts of the United States have original jurisdiction over this action by reason of diversity of citizenship between the parties. 28 U.S.C. §1332. Plaintiff's Original Petition states that Plaintiff Pauline Valtasaros is a resident of Texas, and therefore she is a citizen of the state of Texas. The correct defendant is Walmart Stores Texas, LLC., a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business in Bentonville, Arkansas.. Walmart Stores Texas LLC is therefore a citizen of the States of Delaware and Arkansas. Walmart Stores Texas, LLC. is not now, nor was it at the time this action was commenced, a citizen of the State of Texas. Walmart, Inc., the parent company of Walmart Texas Stores, LLC, is incorporated in Delaware, with its principal place of business in Bentonville, Arkansas. It is also a citizen of the States of Delaware and Arkansas.

The sole member of Walmart Stores Texas, LLC, is Walmart Real Estate Business Trust, a Delaware business trust with its principal place of business in Arkansas. The sole unit holder of Walmart Real Estate Business Trust is Walmart Property Co., a Delaware company with its principal place of business in Arkansas, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Walmart Stores East, LP. Walmart Stores East, LP. is a Delaware limited partnership with its principal place of business in Arkansas, of which WSE Management, LLC. is the general partner, and WSE Investment, LLC, is the limited partner. WSE Management, LLC and WSE Investment, LLC are both Delaware limited liability companies with their principal places of business in Arkansas. The sole member of WSE Management, LLC, and WSE Investment, LLC, is Walmart Stores East, LLC (f/k/a Walmart Stores East, Inc.), a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Arkansas, whose parent company is Walmart, Inc.

5. Plaintiff's Original Petition in State Court seeks damages up to \$250,000, and thus the amount in controversy exceeds the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of interests and costs.

6. Removal of this cause of action is proper under 28 U.S.C. §1441. It is a civil action brought in state court and the District Courts of the United States have original jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. §1332, since the plaintiff and the defendant are diverse in citizenship.

7. As required by 28 U.S.C. §1441, the 125<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas falls within the geographical purview of this Court, and thus, venue is proper in the United States District Court of the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division.

8. Written notice of the filing of this Notice of Removal is being promptly given to Plaintiff and a notice of Filing of Notice of Removal is promptly being filed with the 125<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas, as required by 28 U.S.C. §1446(d).

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendant WALMART STORES TEXAS, LLC, prays that the state action now pending in 125<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas, be removed to this Court, and for any further relief to which Defendant is justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In addition to e-filing, this is to certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing instrument has been forwarded by Certified Mail, return to receipt requested, to all counsel of record on this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021 pursuant to both the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. .

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